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BILL NUMBER: HB 1746

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sex Offender Registry.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Budak

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds registered neighborhood associations to the list of entities that must periodically receive the Sex and Violent Offender Directory published by the Criminal Justice Institute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Current statute requires the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to make a computer disk available containing the Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Directory to the following entities at least one time every six months: (1) all school corporations; (2) all nonpublic schools; (3) all state agencies that license individuals who work with children; (4) the State Personnel Department; (5) all licensed and registered child care facilities; (6) and any other entity that provides services to children and requests the directory. This bill would add an additional entity to this list, registered neighborhood associations. Additional expenditures by the ICJI are expected to be minimal.

Background: In 2003, the ICJI conducted an information campaign to inform the approximate 8,500 entities that receive the Directory that it is available on both the Internet and CD-ROM. Recipients were asked if they preferred to receive the Directory on CD-ROM or to access its information on the Internet (both forms are available at no cost to the recipient). Less than 5% requested the Directory on CD-ROM. The benefit to obtaining the Directory on the Internet is that individuals identified on the Directory change daily, thus, Internet information is more current. The ICJI spends approximately \$1,000 per distribution (or \$2,000 annually). The cost for each disk is approximately \$2.61.

At the time of the most recent distribution, four groups receiving the information identified themselves as

neighborhood associations, and one requested a copy of the Directory.

The number of neighborhood associations in the state, and thus the number that would choose to register with the ICJI is unknown. It is assumed that the majority of associations exist in cities or larger populated towns. Each governing body registers neighborhood associations differently. The City of Indianapolis reports it has 339 registered neighborhood associations; the City of Bloomington has approximately 35.

The amount of additional expenditures that the state will experience is dependent on the total number of neighborhood associations in the state which choose to (a) register with the ICJI, and (b) have the Directory supplied to them on CD-ROM. The total amount of additional expenditures are unknown. It is likely, however, that any additional expenditures will be small. The largest city in Indiana, Indianapolis, with 339 registered neighborhood associations, would create an approximate increase of \$44 every six months ($339 \times 5\% \times \$2.61 = \44.24).

Depending on the number of neighborhood associations that choose to register, the ICJI may need additional staff. The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government.

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